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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's review of the specification, claims, and drawings and, further, indication of allowable subject matter. In light of the above amendments and following remarks and, further, enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and a Notice of Allowance of all claims. The amendments and remarks presented herein are fully supported by the application as originally filed. No new matter has been entered.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-17, 19-38, and 40-58 are pending in the application. Claims 18 and 39 were previously cancelled. Claims 1-17, 19-38, and 40-58 are allowed; however, the Examiner has indicated that Claim 13 is also rejected, as noted below.

SPECIFICATION:

The Examiner objects to the specification as failing to provide updated information related to several referenced pending patent applications. Applicants have amended the specification to include the pending serial numbers and patent numbers where applicable.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION:

The Examiner rejects Claim 13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,520,667. In response, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer obviating the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claim 13. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

Applicants note that the Examiner has returned and initialed the Information Disclosure Statement submitted March 16, 2001; however, Applicants note that several of the references on page 4 of the PTO-1440 form were not initialed by the Examiner. Applicants, therefore, resubmit a copy of the returned fourth page of the PTO-1449 form for review and initialing by the Examiner.

Accordingly, in light of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the case is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully solicit a notice to that effect.

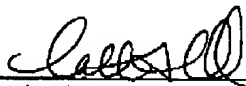
Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 975-5506.

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